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## **Council adopts Fiscal Year 2013 Comprehensive Budget**

WINDOW ROCK – The Fiscal Year 2013 comprehensive budget, which was previously tabled during the Sept. 10 special session, was passed by the Navajo Nation Council with seventeen supporting and two opposing.

In order for council to adopt the comprehensive budget, it was necessary to waive “21 N.N.C. § 820 (I) requiring the development and adoption of a Capital Improvement Plan and § 840 (B) requiring the presentation of an external audit of the combined financial statements of the Navajo Nation and the adoption of the comprehensive budget 20 days before end of the fiscal year.”

Although the waivers for the Capital Improvement Plan and the external audit were already included in the legislation, the waiver of the 20 day requirement was added since the last day to meet that requirement was on Sept. 10.

A number of council delegates expressed concerns on the complications that could arise at the program and chapter level—as was the case with the last continuing resolution—if the nation adopted the continuing resolution instead of the comprehensive budget.

Delegates also expressed the importance of passing the comprehensive budget so that services to Diné people would not be hindered.

Although the special session was originally convened to consider Legislation 0402-12, the continuing budget resolution, the agenda was amended to add the comprehensive budget legislation so that it could be recalled by council.

A report detailing condition of appropriations and amendments is forthcoming and will be available early next week.

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